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Grade: 5 Reading

Date _____

Theme One Selection: 1

"Earthquake Terror"

Read the selection.

Then, answer the following questions.

1. Which of the following happens **right before** the earthquake occurs?

- a) Abby screams for help.
- b) Moose tugs at Abby and barks at her.
- c) Grandma called from Iowa.
- d) The children's father took their mother to the hospital.

2. According to the story, what happens **shortly after** the giant redwood tree falls?

- a) Abby falls and hits the ground.
- b) Jonathan remembers practicing earthquake drills in school.
- c) Jonathan pushes Abby to shelter.
- d) Jonathan examines Abby's injured knee.

3. The selection can be classified as **realistic fiction** because

- a) it tells a factual story about Jonathan's adventure.
- b) the story problem could really happen even though the author created it.
- c) the story problem could never happen in real life.
- d) the story retells a real event that happened in Magpie Island's history.

4. "Here he was **isolated**. I wouldn't do well as a forest ranger, Jonathan thought. How do they stand being alone in the woods all the time?"

- a) separated
- b) crowded
- c) unprepared
- d) destruction

5. How would you describe Abby?

- a) quiet and calm
- b) protective and brave
- c) careless and determined
- d) scared and tired

6. What is the setting of the story?

- a) the top of a mountain
- b) Jonathan and Abby's yard
- c) an island campground
- d) a bridge across a river

7. Which of these is NOT an explanation Jonathan gives for the deep rumbling he hears at the start of the earthquake?

- a) tree falling
- b) thunder
- c) a bomb
- d) hunters

8. Which of these would help the reader predict that Jonathan and Abby will be able to survive the earthquake?

- a) Moose runs away from Jonathan.
- b) Jonathan plans what to do when they reach the camper.
- c) Jonathan took part in earthquake drills in school.
- d) Moose barks and behaves strangely.

9. What is the main problem in the story?

- a) The children's father takes their mother to the hospital.
- b) Moose runs off.
- c) Jonathan and Abby get lost in the woods.
- d) Jonathan has to protect Abby during an earthquake.

Open-ended Response

Which of these character traits could you use to describe Jonathan

brave

selfish

considerate

protective

knowledgeable

trusting

Choose TWO traits that describe Jonathan and **support each with ONE example** from the story.

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Answer Key and Eligible Content

Item Number	Answer	Descriptor	Assessment Anchor
1	b	Sequence	R5.B.1.1
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3	b	Genre	R5.A.1.6
4	a	Synonyms/Context Clues	R5.A.1.2.2
5	d	Character	R5.B.1.1
6	c	Setting	R5.B.1.1
7	a	Noting Details	R5.A.2.4.1
8	c	Predicting	R5.A.2.3.1
9	d	Problem/Solution	R5.B.1.1

Open-ended Rubric

3 Points

Paragraph describes Jonathan using two traits from the box and supports them with details from the passage.

Selfish should not be chosen as he is very protective of Abby and Moose and puts their needs in front of his own.

2 Points

Paragraph describes Jonathan using two traits from the box, but does not support them with details from the passage OR paragraph describes Jonathan using one trait from the box with a detail to support that trait.

1 Point

Paragraph describes Jonathan using two traits from the box with no supports from the story.

0 Points

Response provides insufficient material for scoring, is inaccurate, or incomplete